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1. OSRO RESPONSE A BIT TENTATIVE IN VIEW STEVENSON'S DEPARTURE.
ASSUME SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT REGIONAL MEETINGS.
RESPONSE INCLUDES FOLLOWING:

A. WHAT IS KNOWN TO OSRO ON JULY THROUGH OCTOBER SHIPPING
IS CONTAINED IN WEEKLY REPORTS. ADDED TO THAT ARE FRENCH AND
EEC ANNOUNCEMENTS AT 17 - 18 JUNE MEETING IN ROME THAT
FRANCE WOULD ALLOCATE ITS FINAL TRANCHE BEFORE OCTOBER AND EEC
WOULD ACCELERATE NEXT YEAR'S FIRST TRANCHE TO PROVIDE SHARE
OF STOCKS FOR POST HARVEST TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

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B. ON EVE OF DEPARTURE FOR AFRICA MEETINGS STEVENSON STATED

HE WOULD NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING TO PREJUDGE THE MULTI DONOR MISSION. ACCORDINGLY THE FIRST TRANCHE WOULD BE COMPRISED OF US, FRENCH, FED/EEC, SOME CANADIAN AND ANY OTHERS FORTHCOMING. TOGETHER WITH AT LEAST MINIMUM TO MODEST HARVEST THIS SHOULD PROVIDE STOCKS THROUGH MARCH. AT THE TIME OF ISSUING MULTI DONOR MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS SUCCEEDING TRANCHES INCLUDING SHIPMENT PROPOSALS COULD BE PLANNED ASSUMING DONORS ABILITY/ WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND IMMEDIATELY.

C. APART FROM CREATING AN INFLUENCE-FREE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE MULTI DONOR MISSION STEVENSON STRESSED SMOOTH FLOW OF STOCKS AS PRIORITY. HE INTENDS TO DISCUSS THE FULL RANGE OF PLANNING MATTERS WITH SNYDER DURING THE COTONOU AND DAKAR MEETINGS. ON RETURN TO ROME FROM MEETINGS AND VISITS TO BOTH NIGER AND MALI HE INTENDS TO LAY DOWN LINES FOR COMPLETING THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES AND TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING FOR COMING YEAR. FIRST CONSIDERATIONS ARE PHASING OF CEREALS ARRIVALS AND TRANSPORT UTILIZING NATIONAL VEHICLE FLEETS. WOULD INCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF REGIONAL CEREALS PURCHASES WHICH WOULD RESULT BOTH IN ECONOMIES AND GOOD TRANSITION TO MID TERM, AND WOULD ALSO AFFECT ADVANCE PLANNING ON VEHICLE FLEETS.VOLPE

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